

STATUS OF CLAIMS

1-4 (Cancelled)

5. (Previously amended) A method for treating a cartilage or bone pathology selected from the group consisting of a bone fracture, a congenital condition due to poor or retarded growth or ossification, spondyloepiphyseal dysplasia congenital, skeletal dysplasia, multiple epiphyseal dysplasia, the method comprising administering to a patient having such pathology a therapeutically effective amount of a retinoid receptor agonist.

6. (Currently amended) The method of claim 5, wherein said retinoid receptor ~~antagonist~~ is an RAR receptor agonist.

7. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein said RAR receptor agonist is an RAR $\alpha\beta\gamma$ receptor agonist.

8-11 (Cancelled)

12. (Previously added) A method for stimulating the healing of a bone fracture in a patient that is in need thereof, comprising: administering to said patient an effective amount of a retinoid receptor agonist or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester thereof.

13. (Previously added) The method of claim 12 wherein said retinoid receptor agonist is an RAR receptor agonist.

14. (Previously added) The method of claim 13 wherein said retinoid receptor is a RAR $\alpha\beta\gamma$ receptor agonist or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester thereof.